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INTERLAYER DIELECTRIC  
MATERIAL AND A  
SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE  
USING THE SAME

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## AMENDMENT

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed March 14, 2002, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner enter the following amendments and consider the following remarks.

IN THE CLAIMS:

**Please cancel claims 1-3, 5, and 6.**

**Please amend Claims 4 and 7-11 as follows:**

4. (Amended) A process for preparing an organic silicate polymer having a flexible bridge unit in the network comprising the step of:

reacting the following component (a) with the following component (b) in an organic solvent after addition of water and catalyst:

(a) organosilane of the formula  $R^1_m R^2_n SiX_{4-m-n}$  (where each of  $R^1$  and  $R^2$  which may be the same or different, is a non-hydrolysable group selected from hydrogen, alkyl, fluorine-containing alkyl or aryl group; X is a hydrolysable group selected from halide, alkoxy or